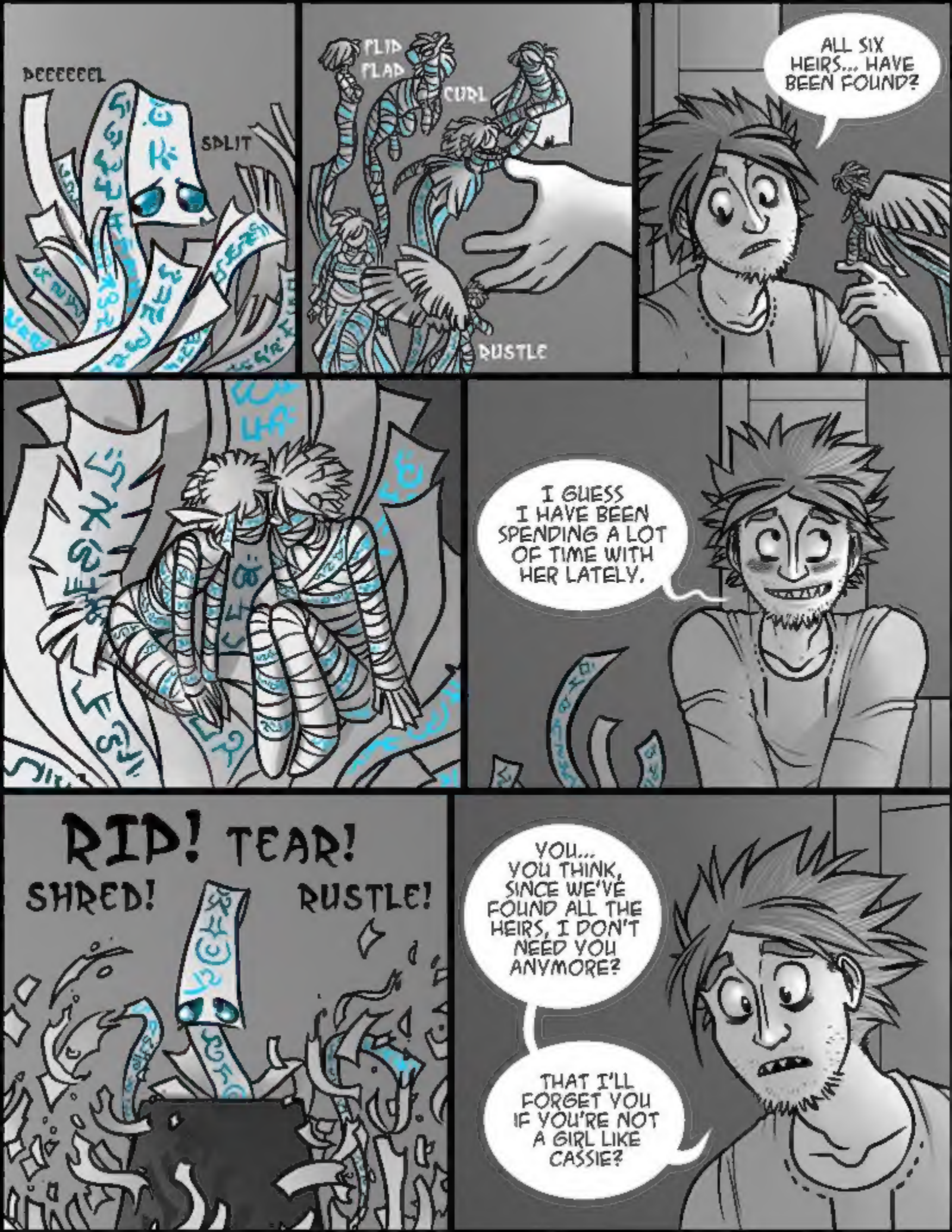
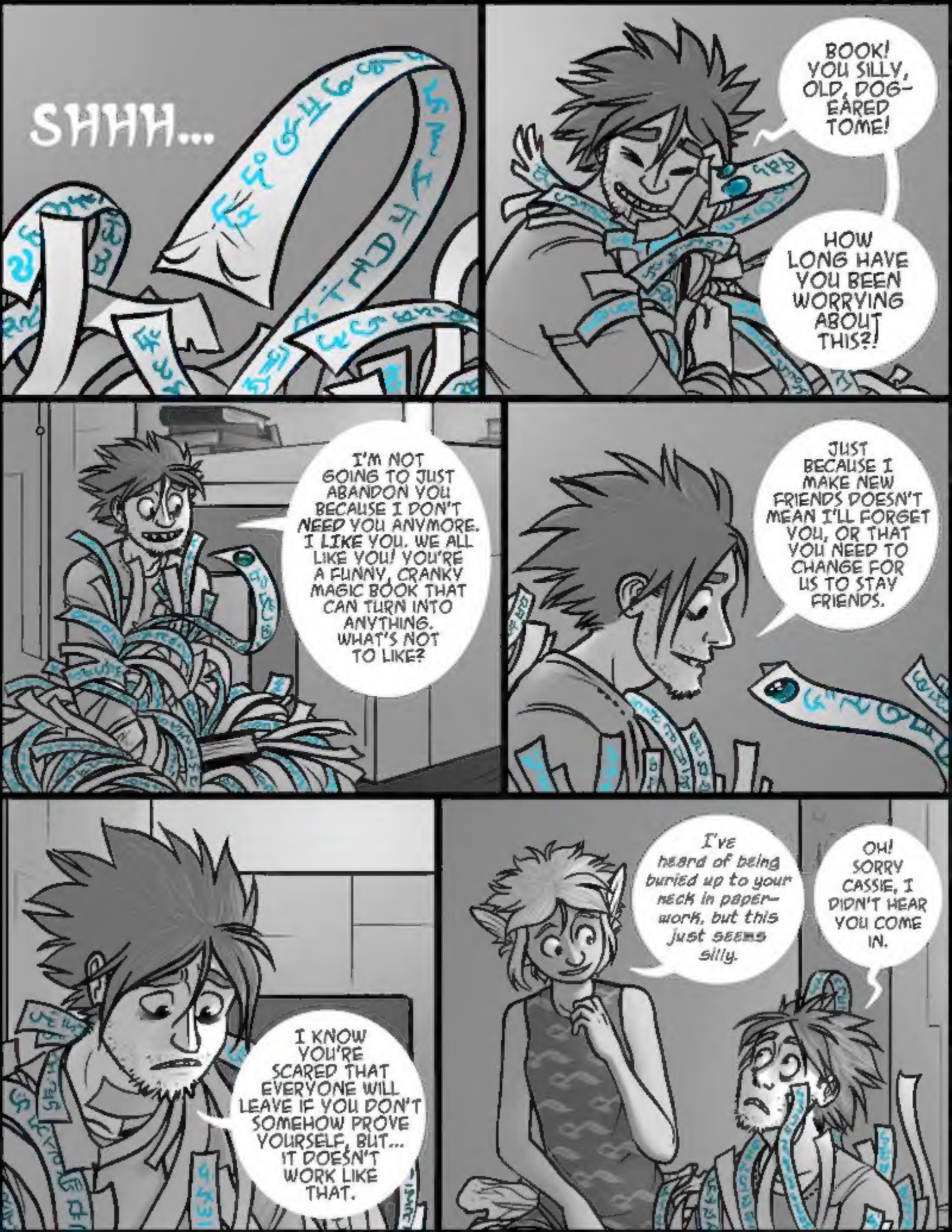
CRICK
Tuff, you've been awake for more than two days. I think it's time you found a free bunk and got some rest.
I TOLD YOU, I DON'T SLEEP. ANYWAY, THERE'S STILL PAGES AND PAGES I NEED TO TRANSLATE.
Maybe you don't sleep, but you have to rest, right? You've barely paused to eat, shower, and use the bathroom!
You won't help anybody by exhausting yourself. You'll just make mistakes and lose time correcting them later.
I'M FINE, CASSIE! I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN TRANSLATE THESE PAGES. EVERYONE NEEDS ME! I CAN'T LET THEM DOWN.
sigh
Don't move, I'll be right back.
I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE, TRUST ME.

SHFFT
OH, HEY BOOK! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
BOOK?! WHAT THE-
I WAS... JUST...

UHHH...
I MEAN, WOW! BOOK, YOU LOOK... DIFFERENT. AND BY DIFFERENT I MEAN GOOD DIFFERENT!
IT'S JUST, THIS IS KIND OF NEW FOR YOU, ISN'T IT? I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SHAPED LIKE A... HUMAN.
BUT YOU DID A GOOD JOB! YOU EVEN GOT ALL THE FINGERS THE RIGHT SHAPE AND LENGTH.
IT'S ALL VERY-

MMPH! OW! PAPER CUT!
MAN, THAT SMARTS. WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, BOOK?
YOU'VE NEVER... HEY!
OH, BOOK, I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOUR FEELINGS. WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
IS THIS YOUR WAY OF TELLING ME YOU HAVE A SECRET DESIRE TO BE A HUMAN WOMAN?
PBBT
HA! I DIDN'T THINK SO. YOU ALWAYS SEEMED CONTENT AS YOU WERE. YOU KNOW, FOR A BOOK, SOMETIMES YOU CAN BE HARD TO READ.
SO, I'LL TRY TO LISTEN CAREFULLY. TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG.


PEEEEEEL
SPLIT
FLIP
FLAP
CURL
RUSTLE
ALL SIX HEIRS... HAVE BEEN FOUND?
I GUESS I HAVE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME WITH HER LATELY.
RIP! TEAR!
SHRED!
RUSTLE!
YOU... YOU THINK, SINCE WE'VE FOUND ALL THE HEIRS, I DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE?
THAT I'LL FORGET YOU IF YOU'RE NOT A GIRL LIKE CASSIE?


SHHH...
BOOK! YOU SILLY, OLD, DOG-EARED TOME!
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORRYING ABOUT THIS?!
I'M NOT GOING TO JUST ABANDON YOU BECAUSE I DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE. I LIKE YOU. WE ALL LIKE YOU! YOU'RE A FUNNY, CRANKY MAGIC BOOK THAT CAN TURN INTO ANYTHING. WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE?
JUST BECAUSE I MAKE NEW FRIENDS DOESN'T MEAN I'LL FORGET YOU, OR THAT YOU NEED TO CHANGE FOR US TO STAY FRIENDS.
I KNOW YOU'RE SCARED THAT EVERYONE WILL LEAVE IF YOU DON'T SOMEHOW PROVE YOURSELF, BUT... IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT.
I've heard of being buried up to your neck in paperwork, but this just seems silly.
OH! SORRY CASSIE, I DIDN'T HEAR YOU COME IN.

SO WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
Getting supplies!
Tea, snacks, water...
...everything we need to fortify ourselves for an all-nighter.
CASSIE, THIS ISN'T REALLY NECESSARY. YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO GO WITHOUT SLEEP.
I'LL GET IT DONE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT BEING FINISHED IN TIME.
I was worried about you going crazy all by yourself in this dusty library!
So until this project's finished, if you don't sleep, I don't sleep! Like a real team.
It's not like I'd sleep anyway, I'd just stay awake worrying about you until-
NO, THAT'S OKAY. YOU WIN.

I MEAN, I CAN'T PROMISE I'LL ACTUALLY SLEEP, BUT... MAYBE I HAVE BEEN OVER-DOING IT A LITTLE BIT. I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, A NAP OR TWO WILL DO ME GOOD.
AFTER A SNACK AND SOME TEA, OF COURSE. THANK YOU FOR DOING ALL THIS.
Thank you... for listening.
I'D BE AN IDIOT NOT TO LISTEN TO SOMEONE AS PUT TOGETHER AS YOU. IT'S JUST COMMON SENSE.
Oh, you're already put together! Look at everything you've done to translate the book!
Oh, Book, I noticed you don't need to eat, but I thought you might be bored. I brought you this compilation of copies of ancient wall paintings.
There's a really nice depiction in chapter four of Count Orisinger's magic books that I think you might like.
BOOK!

HNNN...
NNG...